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Letter dated 21 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I hereby inform you of the most recent acts of aggression by Israel against Lebanese territory.

At 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 17 May 1991, two Israeli military aircraft raided the hills of Shabriha, north-east of the city of Tyre in southern Lebanon, using smart bombs, and causing a number of deaths and injuries among the civilian population, and extensive material damage to buildings and property.

On the same day, the towns of Haddatha, Baraasheet and Tebnin were shelled by the Israeli occupation forces and their proxies in a manner which was aimed specifically at crowds and disrupted the daily life of the public.

The Lebanese Government, while deploring and condemning these aggressions against Lebanon and its citizens, considers them a proof of the persistence of Israel in carrying out its role of destruction and disruption of the process of national reconciliation that the Lebanese Government has been pursuing with a view to extending its authority over all Lebanese territory, and in particular to implementing Security Council resolution 425 (1978), which requires the withdrawal of Israel from all Lebanese territory.

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The latest Israeli acts of aggression underscore once again the urgent need for action by the United Nations to implement resolution 425 (1978) in order to secure stability and security in Lebanon and to put an end to the explosive situation in the south.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khalil MAKKAWI
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Permanent Representative